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GRANGE NEWS

FRANKLIN GRANGE
Franklin Grange held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, Mar. 2. After the business session the following program was given:

Singing.
Paper on "Grange Improvement," by Sister Anna Davis.
Piano Duet, Rowena Ring, Della Bryant.
Reading, "How Salvator Won," by Sister Bertha Lovejoy.
Question, "What can we do to improve our Grange?" Discussed by Bro. Claude Cushman.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE
The regular meeting of Bear River Grange, No. 285, was held in Grange Hall, Mar. 2, at 8:30 p. m. Worthy Master in chair. All present.

Members: Gate Keeper, Bro. Holt; Steward, Bro. McPherson; Coros, Sister Nellie Holt. Minutes of last meeting were read. On motion it was voted that each member earn one dollar between now and the last meeting in March to pay on the piano, and tell how they earned it. A short time was devoted to the written work. Literary program:

Question: Which is the best for the rural towns, build State roads or reserve help for the farms? Opened by Bro. F. L. French. Following a lively discussion, the question was put to a vote, which resulted in a tie.

Reading, Sister Addie Saunders.
Reading, orator, Sister Selma Smith.
Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by Grange.

Contest cutting down cherry tree. There were 17 members present.

BETHEL GRANGE
Bethel Grange held its last regular meeting, Feb. 28. Past Master Levi Bartlett called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Officers absent at roll call: Master, Asst. Steward, Treasurer, Secretary, Coros, Flora, L. A. Steward.

After the business session the Lecturer presented the following program:

Singing Song, Grange.
Recapitulation of last meeting and near by every lady responded.

Levi Bartlett.
Rev. Mr. Little.
Daisy Phillips.
Geo. Haggood.
Lizzie Morse.
Eva Haggood.
Ella Copeland.

Questions: How many pigs, hens, horses, cows and sheep owned by farmers? Discussed by A. F. Copeland.

Herman Mason, Lizzie Morse and Pauline Mason.
Mrs. Kendall.
Rev. Mr. Little.
Story of Bethel Grange.

Ell Cushman.
The next meeting will be held Mar. 14. Supper served as usual at 6:30.

NORWAY GRANGE
The following is the program for the meeting of March 9:

Singing Song, Old Glory.
Speech to Roll Call, Current Events.
Time not responding to add a cent to the relief fund.

Fertilizer—use at present time.
Twenty years ago, Chas. Gammon.
History of commercial fertilizer a farm can afford to use the coming season. Fred Grover, Perley Russell, Rust Jackson.

The Y. W. C. A. girls sold pop corn at the game. From this, the sale of tickets and admission fees, they realized nine dollars which is to go towards the Makonkey fund. It will cost about twenty-five dollars to send one girl, so far the girls have about fifteen dollars. They still hope to be able to send two girls with a leader. After the game the Gould's girls entertained their friends at a dance in Holden Hall dining room. All report an enjoyable time.

PARIS GRANGE
Paris Grange was called to order by Sister Dickey at 1:30 p. m. Sat. Mar. 2. The Steward was the officer that was absent. Four candidates were instructed in the third month degrees. After refreshments were served the Grange resumed work.

Mr. B. A. Merrill of the third and the difficulties of trans-Atlantic travel followed by Perry Walker. State Convention to be held in Portland.

It was given that the Burdham & Co. would give a war bonus of \$100 per pound, making a total of \$1000 for sweet corn for the season. Next Grange meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m. and will be as Past Masters Day. The that will fill the chair for the day: said cases.

H. D. Hammond; Overseer, W. H. D. Hammond; Overseer, W. H. D. Hammond.

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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Miss McQuade spent Sunday at Bethel Inn.

Gould's boys have been selling Chautauqua tickets.

Mr. Small and Miss Cheney spent the week end in Bowdoinham.

Eva Bartlett and Alice Mundt were at Holden Hall, Saturday.

The students were excused from the classes of two periods in order to attend town meeting of Monday.

Florence Chapman and Miss Esther Dean of Locke's Mills stayed over night Saturday at Holden Hall.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting was held last week by Harold Bartlett. His subject was, "Planning for a Future."

Thursday and Friday school will close at two-thirty to allow the students to attend the Chautauqua entertainments.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting this week will be held Wednesday instead of Thursday on account of the Chautauqua.

Sunday evening Miss Whitman fell on the sidewalk in front of Holden Hall and broke both bones in her right ankle. She has the deepest sympathy of her many friends.

Mr. Shorey, the photographer, from Gorham, N. H., was at the Academy, Thursday taking pictures of the editorial board of the "Herald," the basketball team and the several classes.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting last week was led by Miss Whitman. There was a large attendance and nearly everyone took part. This week Kathryn Hans took lead; topic, Life Work, Isa. 6:8-9.

The Sophomore boys challenged the Juniors and Seniors to a game of basketball which was played Friday afternoon after school. The first half the Juniors and Seniors had about everything their own way but the second half the Sophomores crept up on them.

Following is the line-up:
JUNIORS—SENIORS
Bryant, rf.
Brooks, lb.
Young, lf.
Bartlett, c.
H. Van, rf.
Laughlin, lb.
Goals from the floor: H. Young, 6; Hanscom, 2; Bryant, 3; A. Young, 2; Bartlett, 1; Laughlin, 1. Goals from fouls: Bryant, 1; H. Young, 1; Hanscom, 1. Referee, Small, Pratt, Scorer, Pratt, Parker. Timer, Parker.

The girls basketball team played the Alumni, Saturday evening, Mar. 2, in the gym and lost 13 to 2. Dorothy Scanton did the shot shooting. The Alumni were so elated by their victory that they have challenged Gould's to another game and confidently expect to double their score. Following is the line-up:

ALUMNAE
H. Chapman, rf.
M. Bailey, lb.
D. Scanton, c.
L. Packard, rf.
E. Bartlett, lf.
Goals from the floor: Scanton, 4; Packard, 2. Goals from fouls: Packard, 1; Moore, 2. Referee, Pratt. Scorer, Martin. Timer, Parker. Refere, Alumnae, 13; Gould's, 2.

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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS
The Republican voters of Bethel are requested to assemble in caucus on Saturday, March 9, 1918, at the Court Room, Bethel, at 2:00 P. M., for the purpose of:

1. Choosing a chairman and secretary of the caucus.
2. Electing a Republican town committee.

3. Electing four delegates and four alternates to attend the Republican State Convention to be held in Portland on Thursday, March 28th.

4. Electing four delegates and four alternates to the Second District Convention to be held in Portland on Thursday, March 28th.

5. Transacting any other business that may properly be brought before the caucus.

For order Republican Town Committee, Fred F. Dean, Chairman, Herman Mason, Secretary.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE

Extracts From Letters Written by George Mundt

France, Dec. 30, 1917.

My Dear Folks:

The longest week I ever knew is finished now I hope. It is cold and there is about four inches of snow and the cold does bite. Xmas wasn't as cheery as last or any other I ever knew, for we were disappointed, we didn't get any mail and expected heaps. We sure had a fine dinner, turkey, mashed potatoes, bread, butter, pie, apples and nuts, pretty good. The night before Xmas, the "Count of No Account" from Italy and I had supper in a private house, you should have heard us talking to them. The other fellow understands better than I but can't talk so he tells me what they say and I answer the best I can.

The Red Cross sends us reading matter and we get some stuff from them; this paper came in a Red Cross bag from Bethel. They do a good deal but you see it is not much to so many men as are here. You hit it best when you just remember us. "It's not the gift that gives us pleasure."

France has no scattering farm houses but little villages from one to four miles apart. All the houses are stone, some of them are very old. I slept in one built in 1727 and it will be there in the year two thousand if the Boches don't drop a bomb on it. It is a lilly country, the roads are crooked as any little brook but are kept in fine shape and are generally level. Each town has a little church which is mostly spire with a clock on it. Whenever we are making a trip we keep watch around all the hills and turns for the steeple of some church for then we know we are near another little village and wonder if we stop there. We have plenty of time to read but little to read, we would be grateful for anything in the line of reading matter. I wish you could see the place our section is living in. It used to be an old French living room, there is a fireplace in one room and we have a stove in the other so we keep warm when we have time to rest.

My hunkle's name is Northrop from New Hampshire. He has been all over the United States and is a fine fellow. We have one old timer, Donnelly, Irish through and through, an Italian that can't talk well and always gets things wrong end to, a Holland Dutchman, helps to keep a good joke going so you see there is some combination. We are the jolly bunch alright.

January 10.
Xmas and New Year's are over and this year begins much the same as last. I never was so near all in as on New Year's day. I have received much to thank them all enough. I have worn my scarf and sweater on some nights cold marches. Grateful I will come. I am anxious to tell you heaps but cannot. I don't know why but we are all in the highest spirits lately. I have doubts about being able to write after next week, but remember I will as soon as I am able. I have had a number of cards and gifts lately, I tell you one appreciates being remembered when there is no one to talk to but you. Don't you ever think of that? We have one to talk to or be with but soldiers and nothing to talk of but when we get back or of the Army and we always have the same thing to say.

No doubt you have been wondering if not worrying as I haven't written for two weeks but I have been and am well and enjoying myself very much the past few days. I wish I could tell you of the places we have been and what we have been doing but you know how it is, "I'll eat defends." I was pleased to hear you were well and that you weren't the only ones who had cold weather. Now it is fine although quite cool mornings and the days are nice. We have had some cold weather here, I tell you my old frozen feet mislaid it and are sore yet. They say the worst is over now, we hope so.

I had heaps of mail but had to destroy it all before we made the last move but received a new supply tonight. I enjoyed the evening very much reading these and saw I am answering them. One of the men and I had our picture taken on this last trip so I am sending one with this letter and hope you get it O. K. If you do you will see that Army life doesn't work off my head much. I also lost all my little trinkets on this last trip, including pictures from you all. We move on often we have no regular home. I would like you to see us moving.

Everyone says what do you do for amusement? We work most of the day with horses, guns, harness or carriages.

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TOWN MEETINGS

BETHEL

Another town meeting has passed into history. An ideal spring day brought forth a large crowd and all seemed in good spirits. There was a contest for three offices but it took only one ballot to settle them. A. F. Chapman ran against N. E. Richardson for 2nd Selectman but Richardson was reelected; Guy Bartlett ran against F. B. Howe and Howe pulled through by a margin of five votes; W. W. Kilgore won over H. H. Hastings as member of the School Board. The appropriations were the same as recommended by the Budget Committee. It was voted to pay one cent on the dollar for collecting taxes and to pay the Road Commissioner \$3 per day for his services and \$1 for travel.

Moderator, H. H. Hastings. Clerk, Wesley Wheeler. 1st Selectman, Frank A. Brown. 2nd Selectman, N. E. Richardson. 3rd Selectman, F. B. Howe. Treasurer, H. H. Hastings. School Committee, W. W. Kilgore. Tax Collector, F. B. Hall. Auditor, C. K. Fox. Fire Ward, F. B. Hall.

Budget Committee: F. A. Brown, N. E. Richardson, P. B. Howe, Miss M. L. Thurston, P. F. Dean, P. B. Merrill, A. F. Chapman, Adrian L. Grover, F. J. Taylor, P. C. Thurston, Herman Mason, Karl Stearns.

Appropriations
Common Schools, \$3,600.00
Text-books, 200.00
Repairs Schoolhouses, 400.00
High School Tuition, 1,700.00
Overdraw on Roads, 2,112.13
Roads and Bridges, 4,000.00
Snow Roads, 1,000.00
1917 Patrol work on Locke's Mills road, 262.80
Covering sand on Greenwood road, 300.00
State Aid Road, 666.00
Snow Roller for W. Bethel, 100.00
Support of Poor, 75.00
Town Officers, 600.00
Interest, 1,600.00
Memorial Day, 329.33
Collector's Bond, 25.00
Bethel Library, 12.50
300.00

RUMFORD
Rumford's annual town meeting was held on Monday evening with but little excitement on Monday evening in the selection of Tax Collector. For this office there were 4 candidates, the check list being used, which occupied about 3 hours time, Mr. William C. being the successful candidate. All other town officers were elected by some one casting one ballot, the only change being that John P. Martin was moved up to chairman of the board of selectmen, while Mr. John D. Tarriff, the retiring chairman, stands in the third position in third position. All articles were discussed to more or less length, and the majority passed by the keynote of the meeting being economy, and yet all matters of particular reference to the well being of the town were acted upon favorably. The article calling for the establishment of a Municipal Fuel Yard was discussed at length and was finally opposed. The appropriations aggregated \$26,377.10, which was a record.

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CARD OF THANKS
To all the friends and neighbors whose sympathy and services were so kindly tendered in my recent bereavement, also for beautiful flowers and words of comfort spoken by Rev. W. C. Curtis, we wish to extend our sincere thanks.
Mrs. Arthur Douglas
Chas. H. Douglas and family.

RESOLUTIONS
ON THE DEATH OF BRO. ARTHUR G. DOUGLASS
Whereas: God in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our Order Brother Arthur G. Douglas, therefore, Resolved: That our Lodge has lost a worthy and respected member, one who has always been a true and faithful fellow, living up to the principles of Odd Fellowship in all the walks of life.

Resolved: That this Lodge extend its sympathy to the bereaved family; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy placed on our records, and a copy sent to the Oxford County Citizen for publication; also that our charter be draped for thirty days in honor of our departed Brother.

DAVID M. FORD, BION F. BROWN, CHESTER A. CUMMINGS, Committee on Resolutions

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday: Morning worship with sermon by the pastor at 10:45. Sunday School at 12.

Union young peoples service in the evening at 7 o'clock to be led by William Hastings. Topic, Making the Most of Ourselves.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Morning sermon at 10:45; subject, "The Door." Sunday School at 12. No evening services next Sunday but a union service at the Congregational church.

At the meeting of the Y. M. U. A., Monday afternoon in the Chapel, each member who was at the Boys' Conference in Portland gave a report on that part of the program which interested them most, and all said it was one of the best meetings they ever attended, there was so much good to be attained from it. Mr. Pollard, by invitation, was present, and gave a very interesting address on inspiration, receiving the hearty thanks of all present.

THE CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL
Much interest is being taken in the Chautauqua which is to be held in Odeon Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 7, 8 and 9.

Those who have not yet bought season tickets for the Chautauqua entertainments should do so before Thursday noon. The price of these tickets is only \$1.50, while single admissions to the six events scheduled will cost \$2.55. Moreover, the amount guaranteed by Bethel citizens can be met only by the proceeds from the sale of season tickets, as all other sales go to the Chautauqua management. There has never been such an opportunity to hear distinguished speakers on topics of vital interest and to enjoy the work of trained entertainers. Tickets may be obtained from H. H. Hastings, Esq.

Much credit is due the Boy Scouts for the time they have put in selling tickets and if you have not already purchased a season ticket you should do so at once.

The program which follows, promises well.

Thursday, March 7.
3:00. Series Lectures. The Superintendent.
3:45. Columbia Quartet. In their afternoon concert the program will emphasize old-time songs, negro melodies of the South, and comic character songs.

7:30. Columbia Quartet. The evening concert is a popular patriotic review of all the best songs which have sprung from loyal American hearts in time of war. They will have some new ones which perhaps you have never heard.

8:15. Peter Macqueen. An illustrated lecture by a famous traveler and war correspondent who lived in the rat line trenches of Belgium and France while the German onrush was slowly stemmed and beaten back. Many war pictures and an intensely interesting lecture.

Friday, March 8.
3:00. Series Lecture. The Superintendent.
3:45. Beatrice Stuart Weller and Company. A cartoonist, a violinist, a harmonica—three artists who together make an unusually effective team. A most varied and fun-making program.

7:30. Beatrice Stuart Weller and Company. A program of music, cartooning, and fun-making of the best kind. This will afford a pleasant relief from the day's work.

8:15. Life in the Trenches. This lecture by Captain Leslie Vickers, of the Royal Scotch Fusiliers, is the crowning event of the best Chautauqua Festival program ever presented. Captain Vickers is a resident of the United States who returned to England at the outbreak of the war and served most bravely during two years. He was severely wounded and invalided home, and is now instructor in military science at Columbia University. He is a most powerful lecturer.

Saturday, March 9.
3:00. Series Lecture. The Superintendent.
3:45. Pietro Mondella and Company. This is a rare opportunity to hear a world famous musician whose wonderful thrilling music has been distributed into thousands of homes through the Victrola. Pietro and his piano accompanist should receive a rare welcome.

7:30. Pietro Mondella and Company. A second concert by a wonderful artist supported by a most excellent team in the person of Jane Gidding, soprano, and Maxine Back, pianist and reader.

8:15. Dramatic Reading. The Turmoil. Jean Fowler, one of the greatest dramatic readers of the country, in a brilliant rendition of this masterpiece of Homer by Death Taskington.

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ANNOUNCEMENT
I wish to inform the public of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do undertaking, and that I will give my personal attention to both day and night service also funeral, cemetery and transfer arrangements.
OUI E. JACK,
Licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director,
Smith Block, Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE
Two cows, due to freshen in March.
MR. MARTHA BARTLETT,
No. Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE
I am prepared to do all kinds of repair work and jobbing. Team wagons and horse sleds built to order. Special attention given to horse shoeing.
P. C. HOJES,
Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been sold that book of deposit bound by said bank to Clyde O. Brooks and numbered 2378, has been destroyed or lost, and that he desires to have a new book by deposit bound to him.
BETHEL SAVINGS BANK,
By A. E. Herriek Treas.,
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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1918.

NORWAY

Freeland Howe, who has been in Boston for more than a week, has returned. Mrs. C. M. Puffer and daughter, Mrs. Charles Lever, of Auburn were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Puffer's sister, Mrs. Sumner Parker, meeting there another sister, Mrs. F. P. Philbrick, of Conway Center, making quite a family gathering.

All of the children of C. D. Morse, eight in number, are sick with the measles. Mr. Morse has recovered and is assisting in the care of the children. Mrs. Loris Jackson is with them. Carroll Herlick and Horace Hasey are helping with the chores.

The little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brett, who were burned out at Oldfield Gore, Tuesday night, are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert P. Andrews for a while. The children saved only the clothes they were wearing.

Dennis Pike has returned home from St. Albans.

A large number plan to attend the Bates College athletic indoor meet at Lewiston, Thursday, when Homer Trueman of Norway, the Maine wrestling champion and "Hollister" Adams of Bates will give an exhibition bout.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church are taking up the study of "Our South American Neighbors," for their mission study. Miss Virginia Miller is conducting the lessons at the Sunday evening meetings.

The pupils of the third grade, Miss Teresa Thibodeau, teacher, gave an entertainment Friday afternoon for the purpose of raising money for the Junior Red Cross fund, part of which will be used to purchase material for knitting. The small presents have been busy the past few days selling tickets throughout the village at a nickel each, and the public entered into the spirit of the occasion, and contributed the price of a ticket to many in baskets. As a result they collected \$9.25.

The Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dallas Brown, Randolph street. The study was on Africa.

The Barton Reading Club was pleasantly entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hugh Proctor. The annual social afternoon was observed, and each member was requested to represent an old saying, or a proverb. Mrs. Roy Curtis of Monmouth is the guest of the month, Mrs. Ellen May.

Miss Arlene Lange of Auburn was the guest over the week end of her sisters, the Messrs. Morton and Margaret Lange.

Isabel Neve is stopping at Willard's boarding with the housework. Howland is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Adams at their daughter's home, Mrs. Loris Wood, Auburn.

Mrs. Charles Farrell has gone to her all home at Newburgh, Mass., as she received word of the illness of her mother.

Charles Pike of Gardiner, Mass., is at his sister's, Mrs. Philip Bradbury's, coming to see his father, Frank T. Pike, who remains about the same.

Mrs. John Horse of Auburn is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Horne. Mrs. Sarah Woodman has gone to live with her daughter, Mrs. George Howe, Pike's Hill.

Prof. George A. Yeaton went to Orono, Friday, where he will attend a series of conventions.

Miss Kibitzer, who has been caring for Dr. L. H. Truett for several weeks, returned to Lewiston, Friday.

Mrs. Jessie P. Edwards went to Bath the first of the week, as her daughter, Mrs. Henry Russell, was sick with grippe. She returned Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Russell, who was brought home on a cot, but is much better.

Harry Reed W. R. C., No. 48, will hold a regular meeting Thursday evening.

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WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts from Washington, D. C.

Gen. Pershing Wants Nine Pair of Shoes a Year for Men Serving in France

Gen. Pershing has requested shipment of 18,000 pairs of shoes for each 25,000 men monthly, which is approximately nine pairs of shoes per man per year. This quantity is in excess of actual consumption and is being used to build up a reserve for all troops in France. When such a supply is accumulated, the quantities per man will be reduced.

The Quartermaster General's Department Now has on hand and due on outstanding contracts, 7,561,000 field shoes and 7,573,000 marching shoes. It will be necessary to secure more than a million additional shoes during the year.

Records of the War Department show that from the beginning of training in June, 1917, to February 23, 1918, the fatalities at military aviation fields in this country have been 51; 10 officers and 22 cadets killed in training flights, and 19 men killed in unauthorized flights and ground accidents.

Since the training began in the United States, student aviators have flown considerably more than 100,000 miles. Hundreds of hitherto inexperienced men have been learning to fly. Their early flights are under the guidance of instructors, and prior to these flights two or more months are spent in preliminary ground work. There comes a time, however, when every student aviator must take his machine up alone, and every precaution has been taken to reduce the number of accidents and safeguard the aviator in his solo flights.

Food and Fuel Supplies Are Short in Many European Countries

A Swiss commercial paper states that there is a great shortage in coal of all kinds, an insufficient supply of wood for fuel, and small reserves in oils and grease throughout Switzerland. Fresh eggs have disappeared from the market. Dry vegetables are becoming more scarce. A project to manufacture flour from potatoes had to be abandoned because sufficient supplies of potatoes could not be secured.

In Holland coal and coke prices have been advanced. In American terms, the maximum price for anthracite is about \$22 a long ton, \$10 a ton; coal briquets, \$25 a ton. Distribution is carefully regulated by cards, in special quantities. The amount allowed, especially to residences, is much smaller than in peace times.

New French food regulations forbid eating houses to serve or consume fresh or packed butter otherwise than in the preparation of food. Curried or soured milk is prohibited as well as cream and specified kinds of cheese. The making of pastries, biscuits, and confectionery is prohibited. Only in dining cars, canteens, and railroad refreshment stations may fresh or condensed milk or cream be served after 9 in the morning, by itself or mixed with coffee, tea, or other preparation. No solid foods may be served between 4:30 and 8:30 in the evening. When the price of a meal exceeds \$1.50 the customer may be served with not more than two dishes with or without vegetables, or more than one small loaf of ordinary bread. The bread is limited to about 3 1/2 ounces. All grain which may be used for making bread is reserved for human food.

Department of Agriculture Reports Increased Consumption of Sugar

The amount of sugar consumed in 1917 in the United States was about 833 pounds per capita, according to figures issued by the Department of Agriculture. The average annual consumption for the five-year period ending in 1916 was 81.7 pounds per capita.

There were about 1,500,000,000 pounds of commercial stocks of sugar on hand August 31, 1917, compared to 2,000,000,000 pounds on the same date in 1916. New York reported the largest stocks, followed in order by California and Louisiana.

Production of Rifles and Ammunition Meets All Requirements

Rifle and cartridge production in the United States has developed in volume and in quality on a scale amazing the satisfactory equipment of the Army, according to a statement authorized by the Secretary of War.

To achieve the rifle and ammunition production program the Government has expended or has obligated itself to expend, during 18 months of war, \$100,000,000, and 200 officers, 55,000 men, and 10,000 women have been engaged exclusively in the manufacture of rifles and cartridges. Two Government plants and three privately owned plants are engaged in making rifles and one Government plant and also privately owned plants are engaged in cartridge manufacture. Ordnance experts in this country and in Europe are in agreement that the United States Army is being

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Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

WHICH IS BEST?
A cheerful look, a pleasant word,
How nice it makes one feel.
It drives all gloom away
And fills the soul with zeal.
An ugly look, an unkind word,
Then oh how sad we are,
It only brings us sorrow,
Why should we life's joys share?
—Albert E. Vassar.

THE CLOTHING OF OUR DAUGHTERS.

"What is America's greatest danger?" This question was put recently to a leader among women. Her reply was immediate: It is the lowering of the standards of womanhood, and this degeneration of woman's character is most clearly indicated in the modern standards of her dress.

It has been apparent to all close observers of American life that during the past ten years there has been a marked and wide-spread decadence in the taste of women in their dress, in their ideas of what constitutes decent and becoming apparel. No fashion has been so absurd, freakish, or bizarre as to be rejected by many seemingly respectable and intelligent women. The demimonde and the vulgar have, of course, rejoiced in these suggestive and conspicuous costumes, and, as would be expected, have flaunted them in their most extreme and colorful. Many among the better classes of women have dressed for the street and for the public eye in clothing so extreme in style as to make it very hard to discriminate between the purposely conspicuous and suggestive costume of the woman of no social pretensions and the dress of the woman who simply "follows the fashions."

How has this matter of clothing affected our daughters? Are they as fine textured girls and young women as they would have been if they had been surrounded by women whose dress was more quiet and modest? In reply to this question, hundreds of women and hundreds of men in every section of the country are replying, "No," with all emphasis upon the negation.

The dressing of a little girl during the formative years of her life is interesting. We begin when the mother happily prepares the baby's wardrobe. She puts into this the finest stitches, the most exquisite embroidery, the daintiest touches. This is all lovely and right. But does she spend as much time in study how to keep the little body healthy? Does she think, too, of the wonderful responsibility of clothing the baby's spirit aright?

Our little girl is now three years old and is beginning to preen herself before the mirror and to raise her tiny parasol and eye her beautiful rash ribbons and lace with smiles and clapping. This all seems harmless and charming. Mothers work far into the night sometimes, border that her hair may be dressed in the lovely clothing which always attracts an admiring group of friends. "Oh, isn't that a pretty dress! What a lovely little hat! Doesn't her mother dress her beautifully?" Mother gradually drops her music and stops taking books from the library, and goes only occasionally to the Parent and Teacher's Association, and shortens her visits to Susie's grandmother, and is sometimes too tired to attend church, because Susie is getting to be a big girl, and it takes all the mother's spare time, besides a good deal of the time of a dressmaker, to make the quantities of

of pretty clothing she needs to keep her one of the best-dressed girls in town.

We cannot say the young girl of today wishes even to be beautifully dressed, for much of the clothing of the last few years has been unbecoming to even fresh young girls, with charming faces and erect and graceful figures. Such a decline in dress has its effect in lowering the taste, coarsening the fibre, and corrupting the morals of both sexes. Mothers do not realize that there is any connection between the extravagantly and foolishly dressed daughter and the tragic stories of the victims of the love of money.

During several months of a recent year my morning and evening walk led me through a section of a city through which pass hundreds of music and other students from all sections of the country. Here one met groups of girls from Arizona and Washington, Florida and Maine, Vermont and Texas. Many of these girls were dressed in a sensible and refined manner, but too large a proportion of them were not. The most extreme style of clothing was represented by numbers of these young students who walked through the crowds on the avenue entirely unconcerned, or apparently well pleased with the attention given their conspicuous attire.

What has a sensible woman to fight against in battling for a style of dressing, in which the spirit is not sacrificed to the adornment of the body?

First, she has to meet the feverish greed of the changing fashions. Profits depend largely upon the rapid passing in the style of women's clothing.

Second, she has to fight against the man-designer of women's clothing, and she has to set her face against a certain type of woman's magazines that are really little more than advertising pages for certain style-producers.

The strongest force of all she has to encounter is the love of extravagant and conspicuous dress inherent in many women.

How can she wrest victory out of these conditions?

By organized resistance of large bodies of women who will stand against the extreme fashions of the stores, fashion magazines, and the designers, and preach the gospel of becoming quiet and serviceable dress. They can prove this way advantageous from a financial standpoint. Woman's love of beautiful clothing and her desire to express her own taste in it are harmful only when they crowd out nobler things. If the young woman's mind is filled with interesting and worthy thoughts, if there is a rich soil made fertile with ideas that spur and deepen and broaden the mind, the question of dress will find its rightful place, namely, the expression of individuality in modest and beautiful clothing. The clothing of most women of today expresses no individuality; on the contrary, it is daily uniform in its compliance with certain arbitrary and lowering standards.

What help has the sensible woman in her struggle for better ideals in dressing? She can have the co-operation of hundreds of other women and of mothers' clubs, and through these organizations she can arrange a series of illustrated talks upon what constitutes good dressing. These talks should be given to young women of each community by some woman who understands her subject thoroughly and whose dress and personality will appeal powerfully to the young. Such lectures are available and will be glad to come.

Every college for women should have a thorough course in the art, ethics, and economics of women's dress. No other course would contribute more to American life. Ample funds should be at hand to supply young girls with competent instruction, artistic guidance, and advice.

In these days, when girls at work are in competition with men, their clothing should have the utmost consideration that it be modest and refined. It is far from that today. High heeled pumps, gauze hose, low necked, flange waists, and short skirts, constitute the fantastic and utterly foolish garb of hundreds of young girls who are working in business offices, crunched, to be sure, by walking through the crowd of city streets.

It is a condition that some women late to acknowledge. The accusation of immodest dressing is brought often and truthfully against women, but it cannot be truthfully maintained against men. Men set their faces like flint against the designer, the manufacturer, the merchant, and the tailor who for profit would gladly foist upon them the elegant and elaborate costumes of the day. Women should know propriety and understand, and how much money may properly be spent upon her clothing, when her clothing will take its place in the economic scheme of her household.

WEST PERU
Mrs. Viola Child is in poor health at her home in Ukiah.

Mrs. B. C. Paine is a little improved and her friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Manie Tracy was in Rumford last week, called there by the medical board.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL, ADVERTISE IT.

STARTING THE POULTRY YARD

By G. E. Conkey

If you have any spare space in your back yard, present day high prices for eggs and high prices for poultry meat, and all this talk about raising poultry for patriotic reasons, have undoubtedly caused you to decide to keep a flock this year.

With this decision comes the question of whether you are to start by buying hatching eggs or starting with chicks.

If you start via the hatching egg route, it means that you must either employ hens for the incubating or buy an incubator for the artificial hatching of your eggs. If you expect to hatch with hens, it means that you must buy a number of hens some time before you are ready to start your hatching operations. If you get the hens to hatch for you, it means that you must have a number of them in order to make sure that some of them will be broody at the proper time. If you get an incubator, it means the expenditure of money, some knowledge of how to run an incubator, and a good deal of careful attention for a considerable time in order that a good percentage of the eggs may produce chicks. Whether you use hens or incubators, it means that you will undoubtedly lose a number of chicks before they are out of the shell.

If you decide to start with the chicks themselves, then you will buy day-old chicks. If you get these from a reliable breeder or hatchery, you will have strong, vigorous chicks that have come from healthy parent stock and that have a good laying or a fancy record back of them, depending on the purpose for which you purchase them. The day-old chick system is becoming very popular because of its relief from the uncertainty of incubating and because you can see what you are getting. The right kind of breeder or hatchery will stand back of its product, just as will the breeder who sells you hatching eggs.

The advantage in the case of day-old chicks is that you need go to little expense for equipment, that you don't have to give your time and thought to the incubating, and that you need no old stock around the place. You can start with a new strain, all chicks of the same age, of the same breed and uniform in almost every particular. This will later on minimize the amount of work that you have to do in order to properly feed and take care of them.

When you buy your eggs or your chicks, be sure that you have decided whether you want to raise the poultry for eggs, for meat, or for a combination purpose and when you order your eggs or order your chicks be sure to tell the breeder or the hatchery what purpose you have in mind so that they may be able to give you the right kind of stock, so far as they are able.

After you have hatched the eggs, or received the day old chicks, the next question is to give them proper care. For the first 48 hours, do not give chicks any food but right from the start keep them warm and give them a place where they can remain to rest and gather strength. This means some arrangement for brooding.

There are chick brooders on the market that give good service or you can rig up a good home-made brooder yourself at very little cost. The amount of heating that the brooder should provide for the chicks will depend on the amount of protection needed against the cold. If you keep the chicks and brooder in a heated building, less attention will be needed.

Right here a word of caution for the beginner is advisable. The man or woman starting in to raise poultry is inclined to rush things—to start hatching as early as possible. Don't do this if you want to be successful. If you start too early, you are starting in severe weather, which means that you will have to overcome the difficulty of properly brooding the chicks and it means also that the chicks will be ready to go outside when the weather is still unfavorable. As a result you are likely to lose a good many chicks.

Another caution for the beginner is not to raise chicks on too large a scale. If you raise chicks in large numbers, you will need a definite provision for heating, whereas if you raise just a few you can give them individual attention. In raising chicks "by hand," as it were, the extra care that you give them will permit more simple methods than if you are raising chicks on a large scale. In the latter case everything would have to be automatic, simple and sure, in order that you might get along with a minimum of labor.

Remember that a few chicks started at the proper time, given good care, good feed, and plenty of room, will give you far better returns than a large number of chicks crowded together, given cheaper feed, and not receiving the same amount of care that you can give to a small flock.

NEWRY

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Powers are staying awhile at their camp.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harlow were at Bethel last Friday.

The rough weather of last Sunday made people think it is still an old-fashioned winter.

CANTON

Arthur H. Ray and Miss Addie Belle Marston, both of Canton, were married Thursday at Lewiston, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. A. Kelley, a former pastor of the Canton Universalist church. The couple were unattended and the double ring service was used. Mr. Ray is one of the owners of the tannery plant at Canton and has been a resident of Canton for the past sixteen years. Mrs. Ray is a daughter of the late Mrs. Olive Winslow of Canton and a native of Lisbon Falls. She has made her home in town for the past ten years. Mr. Ray and bride arrived home Saturday night. Friends extend congratulations.

Miss Marcia L. Jones of Sanford has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jones, and family.

Noyes Cushman has been quite ill and threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Swett were called to Buckfield last week by the death of Mrs. Swett's stepfather, Churchill Holmes.

Mrs. Fred Stetson and children have been guests of her mother, Mrs. Ida J. Dodge, of South Paris.

The young people of the Universalist church held a merry social at the vestry of the church Tuesday evening, when games were enjoyed.

Everett Reynolds is recovering from his recent illness.

Ralph McCallum has purchased the Fletcher house on High street and taken possession.

Frank Disbee has been home on a furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Disbee.

The Universalist Circle met with Mrs. James G. Davis, Thursday.

Marion Berry is ill with the measles in a hospital in Waterville.

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes took for her subject Sunday at the Universalist church, "The Great Teacher." Services were held in the evening and a collection taken for the Red Cross.

Mrs. G. A. Ellis is still confined to her bed.

A stock of goods have arrived at the new store in charge of Mrs. Mary Nickerson and it is now open to the public.

Mrs. L. B. Smith and son have gone to Woodland for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Grace Day.

A. F. Russell, Jr., has been visiting the Masonic lodges in Dixfield, Buckfield and Rumford in his official capacity as district deputy.

The senior class of Canton high school will present the drama, "The Dust of the Earth," at East Sumner, next Friday evening. A dance will follow. They will also repeat it Tuesday evening of this week at the Canton Opera House for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hutchinson left Friday for Auburn, where they plan to stay until the first of April.

Avery Long and family have gone to Massachusetts for a few months stay.

L. B. Carl has purchased a large farm at South Paris and plans to move his family there next week.

There have been 22 births, 8 marriages and 21 deaths in Canton the past week.

Nathaniel Thomas has been visiting his brother, Cornelius Thomas, of Auburn.

Miss Mary Richardson, who has been ill, has resumed teaching at No. Turner.

Quite a number of Canton young people went to Peru, Wednesday evening and gave an entertainment and dance to a full house.

The Pine Tree Club was pleasantly entertained Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marion A. Smith.

A dinner was served town meeting day for the benefit of the Red Cross which was well patronized.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Goddard swam his fingers quite badly, Saturday.

Fire caught in the residence of R. C. Dodge, Saturday night and the fire whistle called out a number of citizens, who soon extinguished the flames.

Herman Tinsell is recovering from his recent illness.

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes was entertained while in town this week by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Orlow.

NORTH NEWRY
Mrs. A. C. Bennett called on her brother, H. H. Hanzcome, and family one day last week.

Miss Nora Bennett was a guest at W. J. Vail's at Gracie, recently.

A. E. Wright went to Bethel one day last week after grain.

N. B. Galloway has moved his family back to Newry.

Quite a number in town are sick with colds at this writing.

Mrs. Ella Hanzcome and Mrs. C. C. Bennett called at W. B. Wright's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Littlejohn from Bethel, N. H., are guests at W. B. Wright's.

Mr. Philbrook has sold his farm here in town to Mr. Olson of Griffin.

L. E. Wright attended the Assessors Convention at Augusta, the 19th and 20th.

BLUE STORES

The Safe Way In Clothes Buying

No eye—not even the eye of the expert—can tell whether the fabric of an unworn garment is all-wool or part cotton. The only way to be sure of all-wool, and the qualities that belong with all-wool, is for you to buy and for us to sell clothes identified—unmistakably identified by the Kirschbaum label.

**READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHES - None Better than KIRSCHBAUM'S
TAILORED-TO-ORDER CLOTHES - The Best - ED. V. PRICE & CO.**

All Wool Guaranteed Clothes At Our Stores

F. H. NOYES CO.

NORWAY

2 Stores

SOUTH PARIS

RUBBERS

are sure to cost more very soon

We have a good stock now at the old prices. A good time to buy is now.

E. N. SWETT SHOE CO.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK, TELEPHONE 38-2

NORWAY,

MAINE

We pay postage on all mail orders.

Are you saving

To help win the War?

Buy U. S. Treasury Thrift Stamps at 25c. Each stamp is part-payment toward a \$5.00 Government bond (the "War Savings Stamp") bearing 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly.

Ask your Postmaster

Inserted through courtesy of Ira C. Jordan.

EAST SUMNER

There was an all day meeting of the W. R. C. at the Grange Hall, Saturday, with a fair attendance.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barrows of Lewiston are pleased to hear their little daughter is improving from her severe illness.

There was a meeting of the Farmers' Union at Grange Hall, last Friday.

Philip Tucker has returned to his work for the M. C. R. H. and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Record are at W. D. Tucker's assisting with the work.

Mrs. Alice Turner was a week end guest of her brother, A. F. Davenport, and family.

Mrs. Lula Daniels and little daughter of Lewiston is the guest of friends in this vicinity.

W. L. Bryant was in Rumford, Thursday.

Mrs. Earl Staples and children spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bonney.

LEARN HOW TO THROW WATER

Water buckets, always filled and ready in a strategic position, are the best fire protection a farmer can get for the money, says a bulletin on fire prevention issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Do you know how to throw a bucket of water to put out a fire?

A little practice in the art may be very useful, says the bulletin.

The knack of throwing a broad sheet of water in a semicircular sweep is easily learned, and is useful on a spreading log on the floor.

Water dipped out with the hands or a dipper or a broom and sprinkled on the fire is often more effective than that thrown on the fire from a distance. The water should be applied to the base of the fire and not up in the flames and smoke.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes
One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Powder, the antiseptic powder for swollen, tender, aching feet. It makes walking a delight, relieves aches and pains of all parts, and gives rest and comfort. Sold everywhere. See Allen's Foot-Powder, Sample FREE.

FALSE TEETH We pay up to \$12 for old or broken sets. Send Parcel Post or write for particulars.

DOMESTIC SUPPLY CO.

Binghamton, N. Y., Adv.

STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. OF BETHEL, ME.

Assets Dec. 31, 1917

Mortgage Loans, \$19,000.00
Collateral Loans, 61,020.00
Stocks and Bonds, 6,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 328,707.92
Agents' Balances, 706,894.50
Interest and Rents, 114,970.54

Gross Assets, \$7,497,912.26
Deduct items not admitted, 131,231.57

Admitted Assets, \$7,366,680.69
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917

Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,632,876.70
Unearned Premiums, 2,035,349.66
All other Liabilities, 365,807.80
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,329,588.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,366,680.69

3-7-18-C

CELESTIAN INSURANCE CO. OF BETHEL, ME.

Assets Dec. 31, 1917

Real Estate, \$110,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 1,333,515.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 127,814.77
Agents' Balances, 355,740.51
Interest and Rents, 12,502.45
All other Assets, 9,075.36

Gross Assets, \$2,568,587.57
Deduct items not admitted, 4,171.10

Admitted Assets, \$2,564,416.47
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917

Net Unpaid Losses, \$237,114.65
Unearned Premiums, 1,000,238.23
All other Liabilities, 37,000.00
Deposit Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 400,063.59

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,564,416.47

3-7-18-C

THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF BETHEL, ME.

Assets Dec. 31, 1917

Real Estate, \$142,470.63
Stocks and Bonds, 2,105,334.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 211,181.90
Agents' Balances, 407,838.92
Interest and Rents, 25,275.88

Gross Assets, \$2,885,100.00
Admitted Assets, \$2,885,100.00
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917

Net Unpaid Losses, \$100,411.00
Unearned Premiums, 1,324,054.35
All other Liabilities, 338,141.89
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 611,488.86

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,885,100.00

3-7-18-C

HOW MRS. BOYD AVOIDED AN OPERATION

Canton, Ohio.—"I suffered from a female trouble which caused me much suffering, and two doctors decided that I would have to go through an operation before I could get well."

"My mother, who had been helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, advised me to try it before submitting to an operation. It relieved me from my troubles."

"I can do my house work without any difficulty. I advise any woman who is afflicted with female troubles to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial and it will do as much for you as it did for me."

—Mrs. MARIE BOYD, 1421 6th St., N. E., Canton, Ohio.

Sometimes there are serious conditions where a hospital operation is the only alternative, but on the other hand many women have been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after doctors have said that an operation was necessary—every woman who wants to avoid an operation should give it a trial before submitting to such a thing.

If complications exist, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice. The result of many years' experience is at your service.

PROPERTY OF PHILADELPHIA
Is Dec. 31, 1917

Assets, \$5,500.00
Liabilities, \$5,500.00

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Brown, Buck & Co.'s

WINTER

Odds and Ends Sale

NOW IN PROGRESS

Since stock taking and our Red Tag Sale, we have gone over our entire stock for all odds and ends from every line for this FINAL CLEAN UP SALE of the winter.

Most of the lots will be small, but the savings are large.

COATS AND SUITS.

Good styles that are only one-half as much as they were marked before Christmas.

WINTER SUITS.

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| One Suit, Taupe, size 36, was \$22.45, | Sale \$ 9.95 |
| One Suit, Oxford, size 36, was \$19.75, | Sale 8.75 |
| One Suit, Black, size 33, was \$22.75, | Sale 9.95 |
| One Suit, Brown, size 16, was \$22.95, | Sale 10.95 |
| One Suit, Navy, size 40, was \$24.75, | Sale 12.45 |
| One Suit, Oxford, size 18, was \$24.75, | Sale 10.95 |

DOUBLE TEXTURE RAIN COATS.

Black and White Checks and Plain Colors.

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| \$12.45 value, | now \$8.75 |
| 9.95 value, | now 7.45 |

CHILDREN'S COATS half price. The styles will be very good for next winter as they do not change as do the ladies' styles. Regular \$4.95 to \$9.95. Sale \$2.45 to \$4.95.

LADIES' COATS in dark colors, good heavy cloth that will be hard to find next season. Just 14 coats left to close out at about half price. Prices were \$12.45 to \$24.75. Sale price \$6.45 to \$12.45.

SEERGE DRESSES, just a few to close out at HALF PRICE.

DRESS SKIRTS in a heavy all wool serge, gray, with hair line stripe. Regular \$5.95. Sale \$3.95.

ALL FURS, a sale price which means big savings.

Ladies' wool union suits and vest and pants. Goods bought a year and a half ago and marked at about one-half of today's prices.

LADIES' UNION SUITS, odd sizes in wool. Regular value to-day \$2.75 to \$3.50. Sale, any size, \$1.75.

LADIES' WOOL VESTS AND PANTS, all sizes now. Regular value \$1.25 to \$2.00 each. Sale \$1.00.

SMALL LOT voiles and muslins, 27 inches wide. Sale 10c.

PERCALE REMNANTS in dark and medium colors. Regular 25c. Sale 19c.

REMNANT GINGHAM, assorted stripes, 32 inches. Regular 29c. Sale 19c.

REMNANT UNBLEACHED COTTON, 36 inches. Regular 20c. Sale 17c.

MANY REMNANTS from all over the store at saving prices.

SMALL LOT of shirt waist voiles and wash silk. Regular \$1.98. Sale \$1.00.

SMALL LOT waists in voiles. Regular 98c. Sale 50c.

HUNGALAW APRONS of good percales, assorted patterns. Regular 50c. Sale 75c.

GIRLS' SEERGE DRESSES, 10 to 14 years. Regular \$3.95. Sale \$2.95.

BATH ROBES all marked at big savings.

BATH ROBE BLANKETS, large enough for a man's robe, also they make excellent couch throws. Regular \$4.95. Sale \$3.95.

RED BLANKETS in white, cut and hemmed singly, large size. Regular \$2.50. Sale \$1.75.

A FEW WOOL BLANKETS at big savings over next fall's prices.

WHITE MERCERIZED table cloths, each one woven a separate pattern, several sizes. 75c, 95c, \$1.15.

NAPKINS, pure linen and mercerized. All sizes at one-third saving. 75c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.95, \$2.95.

BATH AND KITCHEN TOWELS, good large size, heavy quality. Regular 35c and 25c and 19c. Sale price 19c, 17c and 25c.

SWEATER YARN in olive, drab and oxford. Regular price 90c. Sale 75c.

There will be many odds and ends not mentioned in this ad, to close out at big savings.

Be sure to be here early for they always go quickly.

BROWN, BUCK & CO.

NORWAY, MAINE

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

WHO SAYS SERVES

You can buy them as well as Fresh Groceries at

FRED E. WHEELER

Home Made Cottage Cheese Fresh twice a week

SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., DUNDEE, SCOTLAND

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| Assets Dec. 31, 1917 | \$21,000,000 |
| Real Estate | 118,500.00 |
| Stocks and Bonds | 8,970,463.81 |
| Cash in Office and Bank | 2,212,220.00 |
| Agents' Balances | 845,837.50 |
| Interest and Rents | 1,043,571.48 |
| Gross Assets | \$24,079,992.79 |
| Debit Items not admitted | 1,025,237.50 |
| Admitted Assets | \$23,054,755.29 |
| Unpaid Losses | \$173,755.80 |
| Unearned Premiums | \$985,918.81 |
| All other Liabilities | \$11,178.55 |
| Cash Deposit | \$68,000.00 |
| Surplus over all Liabilities | \$20,814,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities and Surplus | \$21,898,000.00 |

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. Fred A. Tibbitts spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. Thomas LaRue was in Norway, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crockett visited relatives at Bryant's Pond, Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Hunting had son, John, started for Seattle, Washington, Tuesday.

Mrs. C. K. Fox was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. French, at Portland.

Mr. Winfield Wight of Bowdoin Medical School was the week end guest of Dr. J. H. Wight and family.

Mr. Harlow, representing the Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., was a business visitor in town, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Walter King, and family at West Paris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kilborn of Portland came Monday to spend a few days with Mrs. Kilborn's mother, Mrs. Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn Bean of East Bethel were guests of Mrs. Edmund Merrill and family, Monday.

Mrs. Elmer Trask of East Bethel, also Mr. Lyman Abbott of West Bethel were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn, Monday.

A rehearsal is called for the Rehoboth Degree team next Monday evening and it is requested that all members be present as there is to be work at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Judson Carver, who has been spending a few months with his son, Mr. J. L. Carver, left Tuesday for Westbrook, where he will visit his other son before returning to his home in Jonesboro.

On Feb. 27, Mr. H. H. Bean invited his relatives to his home on Main street to the celebration of his eightieth birthday. Owing to poor travelling some of the invited guests were not able to reach Bethel. If the wishes of his friends come true he will enjoy many happy returns of the day. A beautiful dinner was served. The presents that added to the menu were sugar from Mrs. Wadsworth for a frosted birthday cake; fruit and candy from Miss Catherine Howe and a cottage cheese from Miss Ada Bean. The last course was a camouflage poem dished out by Mrs. H. H. Bean. Mr. Bean's remark that it was too true to have a very fine relish voiced the sentiment of all the diners.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AT BROWN RELIEF CORPS

Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, after the regular meeting, Brown Relief Corps celebrated Washington's birthday in the following manner. The visitors of the evening were the Grange and a few other invited guests. Mrs. Young, the president, welcomed the visitors in a few well chosen words. The following program arranged by Mrs. Kendall, Patriotic Instructor, was enjoyed:

By All Members of the Corps
Song and recore, Harry Young
Reading, Mrs. Baker
Ex. Washington Monument,
Members of Corps
Recitation and recore, Marion H. Frost
Vocal Solo and recore,
Miss Blackington
Exercise, A Visit to St. Valentine,
Parrot Howell, Fredland Clark, Al
berta Stearns, Marian Bean, and Ed
na Smith.

The musical numbers were accompanied by Doris Frost, Corps musician. After the program games were enjoyed by those who wished to participate and all voted a very pleasant evening spent.

MARSHALL DISTRICT

Mr. H. H. Rasmussen went to Portland, Saturday, on business.

People Briggs enjoyed a very pleasant call from Mr. and Mrs. Abel An
drew, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Barker are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Irving Mory returned Monday from East Waterford, after spending a week with his sister, Mrs. Merida Young.

Quite a number from here attended the fourth of March ball given in the Grange Hall at Hunt's Corner.

Miss Ruth Barker is at home for a few weeks.

Mrs. Howard Allen was at Eben Barker's for a few days.

Miss Elsie Davis was in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Sawin were in Auburn last week.

Mrs. F. E. Farrington is spending a few days with relatives in Bath.

Mrs. Bertha Judkins of Upton was in town, Monday, calling on friends.

Mrs. F. H. Bartlett of Andover was a guest of Mr. L. W. Ransell and family, Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Heath spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. Emily Cook, at South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. French were guests of Mrs. French's sister, Mrs. C. K. Fox, last week.

Miss Bertha Cole was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole, at East Bethel.

Mrs. C. M. Kimball of East Bethel is spending the week as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. N. Sanborn.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Wight were called to Gorham, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wight's aunt, Mrs. Blanchard.

Miss Azerlea Hamlin, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives in town, returned to her home in Milan, N. H., Friday.

Mr. G. N. Sanborn has returned home from his winter's work, and will go to his farm at West Bethel for several weeks this spring.

Two chimney fires, one at the Fruit Store and one at the house occupied by the Grover twins were discovered Monday night just in time to prevent serious damage.

Rev. Mr. Little was called to Andover last Saturday to attend the funeral of Eben Learned, a prominent member of the Universalist church at Andover, and a citizen respected by all who knew him. His age was 74.

Among those who attended Pomona at West Paris, Tuesday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Upton and Violet, Mrs. Geo. Haggood, Mr. Byron Cummings and Mrs. Lizzie Morse.

Some time in April the Y. M. C. A. are to have an address by a speaker from the State Department of Health, Augusta. It will be on Sunday afternoon, at an hour that will not conflict with any church service, that all may attend.

The Men's Club held a very interesting meeting at Bethel Inn when Read Commissioner F. A. Brown explained the road situation in Bethel. The pleasant surprise of the evening came with the announcement that Capt. O. E. W. Hildgren of one of the Belgian relief ships had come to Bethel to visit Hon. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas and had consented to tell a few of his experiences in the music room to which adjournment was had.

PROBATE NOTICES

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court at Paris in vacation in and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1918, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Sarah W. Brown, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Ellery C. Park as executor thereof presented by Ellery C. Park, the executor thereon named. The appointment to be made without bond, according to said will.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

228-31.

MAINE COUNTY WEEKLIES FREE

By arrangements with some of our brother publishers, we are able to offer trial subscriptions, one month, of several of our Maine County Weeklies, free of charge.

If you are interested in any of the sections which they represent, we should be pleased to have you make request for any one of these papers, in person, or by postal.

Androscoggin, Lisbon Enterprise.
Arroostook, Arroostook Pioneer.
Arroostook, Fort Fairfield Review.
Cumberland, Brunswick Record.
Franklin, Franklin Journal.
Knox, Camden Herald.
Penobscot, Eastern Gazette.
Piscataquis, Guilford Register.
Somerset, Independent-Reporter.
York, Kennebec Enterprise.
While it is intended to send only one of the above papers, under the offer, if you are interested in the counties mentioned, we should probably honor your request, even if you should ask for several of these papers.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE CO., MANCHESTER, N. H.

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| Assets Dec. 31, 1917 | |
| Real Estate | \$300,000.00 |
| Mortgage Loans | 6,307.50 |
| Stocks and Bonds | 6,021,477.50 |
| Cash in Office and Bank | 411,123.24 |
| Agents' Balances | 578,510.31 |
| Bills Receivable | 15,372.75 |
| Interest and Rents | 55,372.41 |
| Gross Assets | \$7,385,363.21 |
| Debit Items not admitted | 4,462.57 |
| Admitted Assets | \$7,380,900.64 |
| Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917 | |
| Not Unpaid Losses | \$378,232.32 |
| Unearned Premiums | 3,157,186.74 |
| All other Liabilities | 236,185.23 |
| Cash Capital | 1,500,000.00 |
| Surplus over all Liabilities | \$2,112,189.55 |
| Total Liabilities and Surplus | \$7,380,900.64 |

221-31.

Youth sucks the sugar coating and leaves the bitter pill for age to swallow.

WHY NOT BUY IT IN MAINE?

Buy It Now



When you are convinced that a certain investment will pay you certain, large dividends, and the opportunity is presented for you to make that investment Now—Why wait?
The Playerpiano will certainly prove a good investment for you and for your family; it will certainly pay you large dividends of pleasure, of satisfaction, of enjoyment and of good cheer all the rest of your life. Why wait?
The Playerpiano itself is so handsome, is such good value, the tone is so full and sweet, that taken all in all it is the opportunity of your lifetime to get all you want in music, just as you want it.
Come in and see the instrument. Test it any way you choose. Have your musical friends try it for tone, for touch, for shading, and then see how all the world of music unfolds before you as the Playerpiano as a player opens avenues of expression, of technique, that you have longed for but never hoped to enjoy. Don't wait—Come in Now.

Pianos Playerpianos Organs
New Music Rolls every month for the Playerpiano.

W. J. Wheeler & Co.
South Paris Maine

RUMFORD

The following officers have elected for Rumford Association: President, Guy E. Hosmer; Maine Coated Paper Company president, Claude H. Gilpatrick; International Paper Company members of the Board are as Arthur H. Jordan, R. R. Johnson, L. Ruff, C. A. Kelley, P. H. H. J. A. McMenamin with one to be filled.

On Wednesday evening of the new board of governors of the Mechanics Institute had a show per followed by an informal social which the senior male members of the Institute were invited. There were, and the participants enjoyed pleasant evening.

Two large boxes were packed from the Red Cross rooms last. The first box contained 85 T band 75 triangular bandages, 145 head caps, 165 abdominal bandages, pieces of linen; the second box contained 36 sweaters, 24 pairs of socks, 12 pairs of undershirts, 4 pairs of valances, 18 light convalescent robes, 20 pairs pajamas, 1 blanket.

Richard Dunn, the picture is to move this week from his location in the back part of the Ford Jewelry store to rooms over Greenburg's shoe store on Centre street.

Very disquieting news comes from the South to relatives and friends of Arthur Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kendall, formerly of Rumford, who is a very fine musician, and one of the Maine Units, and was in the training camp at Charlotte, where he organized a fine band of orchestra, meeting with splendid success. There has been much sickness in southern camps, and Mr. Kendall has been ill among the rest; but recently the gain. Very recently, many of men of Camp Greene have been forced to Spartanburg, S. C., to deal among them. Now word that he is critically ill with pneumonia, and his mother has gone South to nursing for him, if red-tape will allow, although from the last report from Army Surgeon, the danger is very great.

The new officers of the Rumford District Sunday School Association elected are: Rev. Allen Brown, president, and Emma B. Howe, secretary and treasurer, both residents of Rumford.

Rev. M. O. Baltzer of Mexico has signed from the pastorate of the congregational church there to accept call to Norway. He takes charge of church at Norway, April first.

Mrs. Dana C. York of Uxbridge, street, Stratford, was hostess this week for the Universalist Aid.

Austin T. Hyde is at Seneca Lake, N. Y., for a short time on business, will later be in Boston for a time before he is assigned to his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellevue of Stratford Park have received word of the arrival of their son, Lieutenant A. B. Bellevue, in France.

Reginald, the young son of Mr. Mrs. W. A. Cleugh, of the Virginia Hotel, who was so severely injured while ago while skating, has been obliged to submit to another operation at hospital for the removal of pieces bone and teeth which seemed to be working through his jaw. He is going along well.

Mrs. C. E. Britton has once more turned to the McFarley hospital for treatment.

Edward Connors, who has been employed in the chemical department of the Oxford mill for the winter, has passed an examination for service in the aviation corps, and has left for Gardner, where he will visit his mother until he receives his call.

The sale of Thrift Stamps has kept up wonderfully well in the schools, the list quoted being as follows: Vilas, \$313.50; Pettengill, \$252.25; Chisholm, \$231.75; Stephens High, \$180.85; Fisher, \$170.50; Kimball, \$160.85; McDonald, \$150. All the schools are now raising funds for the Red Cross by means of entertainments and various other means. The whole party given at the Chisholm school last week was a great success socially and financially, over \$50 being cleared for the fund. Many of the boys in the manual training class have volunteered to make articles and sell them, donating the money earned in this way to their school cause.

Douglas McIlwain of the Pettengill school was the first boy to donate work of this kind—a fine bread box.

Miss Agnes Dickson is clerking in the

In This--The Age of "L. F." ATWOOD

Stands out as a Specialty in the

In fact this safe medicine—a reliable three generations—well over 60 years is inseparably with you.

Buy the large bottle today at your druggist. The next time you have a headache when you are bilious, constipated, or if you will find as thousands before you the properties of this truly remarkable medicine.

The "L. F." Medicine Co., Portland

RUMFORD

The following officers have been elected for Rumford Mechanics Institute: President, Guy F. Houser of the Maine Coated Paper Company, vice president, Claude H. Gilpatrick of the International Paper Company. The members of the Board are as follows: Arthur H. Jordan, B. R. Johnson, Bruce L. Ruff, C. A. Kelley, P. H. H. Bookers, J. A. McMenamin with one vacancy to be filled.

On Wednesday evening of this week the new board of governors of Rumford Mechanics Institute had a chowder supper followed by an informal smoker to which the senior male members of the Institute were invited. There was music, and the participants enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Two large boxes were packed and sent from the Red Cross rooms last week. The first box contained 85 T bandages, 75 triangular bandages, 145 head bandages, 165 abdominal bandages, 1 large piece of linen; the second box contained 36 sweaters, 24 pairs of stockings, 12 pairs of vests, 4 heavy convalescent robes, 18 light convalescent robes, 20 pairs pajamas, 1 blanket kept by the children.

Richard Dunn, the picture framer, is to move this week from his present location in the back part of the Rumford Jewelry store to rooms over Max Greenberg's shoe store on Congress street.

Very disquieting news comes from the South to relatives and friends of Arthur Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kendall, formerly of Rumford, but now of Portland. Young Kendall, who is a very fine musician, enlisted in one of the Maine units, and was sent to the training camp at Caswell, N. C., where he organized a fine band and orchestra, meeting with splendid success. There has been much sickness in these southern camps, and Mr. Kendall has been ill among the rest, but recently on the gain. Very recently, many of the men of Camp Greene have been transferred to Spartanburg, S. C., Mr. Kendall among them. Now word comes that he is critically ill with pneumonia. His mother has gone South to assist in caring for him, if red-tape will allow, although from the last report from the Army Surgeon, the danger is very great.

The new officers of the Rumford District Sunday School Association are elected as follows: Rev. Allen Brown, president, and Emma B. Howe, secretary and treasurer, both residents of Rumford.

Rev. M. O. Baltzer of Mexico has resigned from the pastorate of the Congregational church there to accept a call to Norway. He takes charge of the church at Norway, April first.

Mrs. Dana C. York of Urquhart street, Stratburg Park, was hostess this week for the "Universal Ladies' Aid."

Austin T. Hyde is at Seneca Lake, N. Y., for a short time on business, and will later be in Boston for a time before he is assigned to his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellevue of Stratburg Park have received word of the safe arrival of their son, Lieutenant Albert Bellevue, in France.

Reginald, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clough of the Virginia district, who was so severely injured a while ago while skiing, has been obliged to submit to another operation at the hospital for the removal of pieces of bone and teeth which seemed to be working through his jaw. He is getting along well.

Mrs. C. E. Britton has once more returned to the McArthur hospital for treatment.

Edward Connors, who has been employed in the chemical department at the Oxford mill for the winter, has passed an examination for service in the aviation corps, and has left for Gardiner, where he will visit his mother on his first leave.

The sale of Thrift Stamps has kept wonderfully well in the schools, the list quoted being as follows: Virginia, \$315.50; Pettengill, \$252.25; Chisholm, \$231.75; Stephens High, \$180; Baber, \$170.50; Kimball, \$160.85; McDonald, \$150. All the schools are now raising funds for the Red Cross by means of entertainments and various other means.

The school party given at the Chisholm school last week was a great success socially and financially, over \$10 being cleared for the fund. Many of the boys in the manual training class have volunteered to make articles to sell them, donating the money earned in this way to their school fund. Douglas McDowell of the Pettengill school was the first boy to donate work of this kind. A fine bread was made.

Miss Agnes Dickson is clerking in the

DAMP, CHANGING WEATHER

Brings Its Toll of Sickness to Bethel People.

Chilly, damp, changing weather is hard on the kidneys. Even more irritating are colds, grip and pneumonia. They clog the kidneys; they bring backache and disordered kidney action.

For weak kidneys use a tested remedy. Bethel people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills.

F. M. Wood, Park St., Bethel, says: "My kidneys began to annoy me some years ago after I had strained my back while lifting. After that, my back ached pretty badly and I was in miserable shape for a long time. When I took cold, my kidneys got congested and at times they acted irregularly. I finally used Doan's Kidney Pills and I have never taken another medicine that acted so quickly. I soon had relief from the backache and my kidneys were regulated. Now, I get Doan's Kidney Pills at Rossman's Drug Store as needed and they always help me."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Wood had. Foster-McBarnes Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

basement store of the C. H. McKenzie Company.

Merle Carver of Haverhill, Mass., has come to Rumford, where he will take up future employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mux and Mrs. R. J. Peterson are in Boston this week attending the auto show.

The marriage of James Dermody and Miss Rose Lynn took place last week at the home of the bride's sister in the Theatre District on Waldo street.

Mr. and Mrs. Dermody will reside in Stratburg Park. Mr. Dermody is foreman of the machine shop at the Continental Paper Mill.

John Clark has accepted a position with the Bath Iron Works.

Edward Sullivan, who is employed in a paper mill in Ottawa, Canada, is in Rumford on a visit to his parents.

Miss Marion McCarthy is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, in Lewiston.

Miss Lena Belanger is enjoying a short vacation from her duties as clerk in the store.

Albert Jenny of Byron is in the Emergency Hospital ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Moody of Somerset street was hostess of St. Margaret's Guild on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Miss Daniel Nolan is improving from her recent illness.

Miss Gertrude Duxbury of Portland is the guest of Mrs. John Chapman of Hancock street.

Miss Abbie Perry has accepted a position with a printing concern in Massachusetts. Miss Perry was for a number of years an employee of the Oxford Printing Company of this town.

The People's Clothing and Dry Goods Co. have purchased the store on Oxford avenue formerly occupied by the boot and shoe store of Oscar Sullivan, and they are having it remodeled. Business will be commenced there about the 15th of this month. Morris Greenman will be the manager.

Margaret Holmbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holmbeck of MacGregorville, has passed the examination for navy service, and has received his call. Miss Annie Prevost is visiting friends in Augusta for a stay of a month.

William Prevost, who went to Norway to work, has returned to Rumford. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, who have been living in Woodford for the past year, have returned to Rumford to live.

Mr. Cohen has been employed by a building concern in Portland, and will now enter the employ of his father, Louis Cohen, proprietor of the Rumford Building Company.

Charles Levin of the firm of Levin, Hunter & Company, is in New York this week, inspecting the spring make.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mann are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son. Mrs. Mann was before her marriage, Miss Angie Abbott.

Miss Marjory and Master Russell Cornish, children of Mrs. Nathan P. Cornish, are beneficiaries under the will of their grandmother, Mrs. Cornish of Portland, who died a few weeks ago. It is reported, amounts to \$25,000, and is to be divided equally between the five grandchildren.

Mrs. Nelson Husley is at a hospital.

WEST PARIS

Frank Mooney of Island Falls is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hattie Lyons. Mrs. L. L. Bowker of Portland was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell, the first of the week.

Mrs. Ethel Penley and son, Eugene, were in Portland, Saturday where Eugene is receiving treatment.

Mrs. C. L. Riddon is ill with tonsillitis. Mrs. Mabel Bacon has finished work at South Paris and is stopping at Bert Day's.

Edward, Burdham and Mary, children of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mann, are ill with the measles.

Many people are suffering from the grip and colds among whom are L. M. Mann, Miss Wall and Mrs. Cole.

Arthur Stowell of Locke's Mills was a guest Monday night at E. J. Mann's. Don't R. Billings of Bryant's Pond was the Sunday guest of E. J. Mann.

Mrs. Dot Moore of Norway was a visitor Monday night at George Devine's. Mrs. L. H. Penley has been enjoying a vacation of two or three weeks, and Donald has been with his grandmother, Mrs. Clara Riddon.

The Red Cross benefit ball held Monday evening, Mar. 4, was fairly well attended, considering the amount of sickness. The net proceeds are a little more than \$10.00.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tuell entertained a family dinner party Saturday in honor of the fourth birthday of their grandson, Lewis Jacob Mann. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann and children Lewis and Geneva, Mrs. S. B. Dunham, Mrs. Cynthia Curtis, Beatrice Smith. A birthday cake with decorations of candles, red, white and blue, tiny flags at each corner were some of the features of the dinner. Lewis M. Mann is quite ill.

NORTH HARTFORD

J. Fred Henry has been a great sufferer with erysipelas for the past week. He still remains in a very weak condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Farrar are staying with their daughter, Mrs. Eva Billings, for a while.

Mrs. Mary Dunn and daughter, Bernice, have returned from Canton Point where Mrs. Dunn has been working.

A. I. Othman has lost a horse, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Turner visited Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport, Sunday. Althea Davenport was also a recent visitor at John Davenport's.

Mrs. Rena Bibbee is staying with her mother, Mrs. Emma Carter, for a few weeks.

Miss Marion Stetson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Denny, for a few days.

Robert Henry is sawing ice for the farmers in the Dartmouth neighborhood. Delia Staples is working for Mrs. Joshua Staples.

Harry Staples was a week end guest of Arthur Gilling, and also visited his mother at Mr. McKay's.

Avery Longol and family have gone to Wells, Mass., where Mr. Longol has a good job in a shoe factory.

Gerald Watson has gone to board with Mrs. Willie Parkers since Mrs. Longol went away.

Jennie Brown is fast improving since her recent operation.

Carol Cole is staying at the home of P. B. Sargent.

T. B. W. Stetson was at John Davenport's, recently.

SUNDAY RIVIER

Ed. Verrell of Farmington spent a few days with friends in this place, recently.

Quite a number attended town meeting.

Frank Williamson snubbed pine to Bethel last Monday.

ANDOVER

Mr. Dow, engineer in the apool mill, has moved his family into Mrs. Minnie Akers' house.

Wirt Lovejoy and wife attended the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. Clayton Lovejoy, at Welchville, Thursday last.

Mrs. Eben Poor from Rumford spent the week end with friends in town. Edward Pratt is quite ill.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met Saturday evening at the home of C. A. Rand. Seventeen members were present, and Mr. Fred Bartlett and Mrs. C. A. Rand won the first prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas the second. The serving committee were: Bert Hanson and wife, Charles Poor and Mrs. Merrill. Refreshments of sandwiches, cheese and coffee were served. John Harvey was at Frye, Thursday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Thurston left town Wednesday for their home in Wilkesburg, Pa. They spent a day with friends in Boston.

Elen Learned passed away quite suddenly Thursday morning of pneumonia at the home of Ray Thurston, where he had been ill only a few days. He had lived in Andover nearly all his life, and was a much respected citizen. He was a member of the Universalist church and had served as deacon for a number of years. The deceased was 74 years of age and leaves a son, George R. Learned, two grandchildren and two brothers, and one sister, all of Andover.

The funeral was held Saturday morning at the Universalist church, Rev. J. H. Little from Bethel officiating. There were beautiful floral tributes. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery beside his wife who passed away several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grover from No. Rumford were in town, Saturday, and attended the funeral of Eben Learned.

M. L. Thurston of Bethel was in town the first of the week.

The school at No. 4 closed Friday of last week.

Mrs. Minnie Akers and daughter, Margaret, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McAllister at Welchville.

Edward Pratt, Jr., has come from the woods at Black Brook to help care for his father, who is very ill.

Mrs. Argus Harding is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Hershel Small, who has been critically ill of pneumonia, is going slowly.

The Young People's Whist met Thursday evening. Mrs. Len Milton and Walter Jackson won the first prizes, and Mrs. Harvey and Waldo Merrill the second. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ellen Hutchins and daughter, Bernice, were guests of Mrs. John Hewes, Thursday of last week.

Rev. J. N. Atwood preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning from the text, John 21:14. "Loved Them."

Mrs. Homer Richards and baby have been ill.

The Boy Scouts had moving pictures in the hall, Saturday evening with a good attendance. The proceeds were given to Hershel Small, one of their comrades.

The Bible Class was held at the parsonage, Wednesday evening.

Matthews Mooney has been ill with the grip.

Lewis Ripley from Farmington is installing some new machinery in the apool mill. He is the guest of his brother, Charles Ripley, and family.

Frederick Pullman from Rumford was in town, Sunday and Monday.

C. R. Newton has a full line of Rex all remedies, also rubber goods and stationery in his store.

Owen Lovejoy has been out of town on business this week.

Guard Children Against Worms

Pinworms and stomach worms are some of the most dreaded diseases of children.

Signs of worms are: De-ranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of the child, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short red streaks sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

Dr. True's Elmir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, will surely and quickly expel worms, correct up-stomach and constipation. Adults are also benefited, and write us letters like this: "Dr. True's Elmir has done me a world of good. John Glass, Houston, Texas." At all Dr. J. F. True & Co., Auburn, Maine.

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ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON, ENGLAND.

Assets Dec. 31, 1917.

Real Estate, \$50,000.00; Stocks and Bonds, \$2,874,877.83; Cash in Office and Bank, \$27,210.83; Agents' Balances, \$20,113.33; Interest and Rents, \$1,480.07.

Gross Assets, \$3,768,568.04; Deduct items not admitted, \$34,729.34.

Admitted Assets, \$3,433,838.70; Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917, \$2,874,877.83; Net Unpaid Losses, \$246,838.02; Unearned Premiums, \$2,040,704.22; All other Liabilities, \$20,880.50; Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,072,437.95.

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,433,838.70.

Agent: W. J. WHEELER & CO., South Paris, Me.

INDIANA LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

Assets Dec. 31, 1917.

Real Estate, \$36,500.00; Mortgage Loans, \$35,500.00; Stocks and Bonds, \$392,100.00; Cash in Office and Bank, \$27,126.00; Agents' Balances, \$2,832.11; Interest and Rents, \$10,088.50; All other Assets, \$1,561.00.

Gross Assets, \$847,558.70; Admitted Assets, \$847,558.70; Liabilities Dec. 31, 1917, \$20,874.00; Net Unpaid Losses, \$283,960.00; Unearned Premiums, \$17,945.37; All other Liabilities, \$29,479.37; Surplus over all Liabilities, \$523,109.36.

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$847,558.70.

ALBANY

Monday was the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bean's wedding day. They had hoped to celebrate by having their children and other relatives with them, but as they both have recently had the grip, they were unable to entertain company, but were pleased with the many tokens of friendship and letters which they received from friends and relatives who all join in wishing them many more years of happiness together.

F. E. Bean of Oxford was a guest at his father's, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kimball visited at Mr. Isaac Flint's, Friday.

Archib Hess is at home. He has been in Portland for a number of weeks, where he has had employment.

Mrs. Irving Becker has returned from Shelburne and is now visiting her brother, Geo. Cummings. Mr. Becker is still working in the woods in Shelburne.

The Circle was held at the vestry, March 1. After the usual supper of baked beans and a social hour the following program was given:

Adelaide Bean, Vocal Solo, encore; Ida McNally, Vocal Solo, encore; Jennie Bean, Vocal Solo, encore; Edna Bean, Vocal Solo, encore; Alma Cummings, Vocal Solo, encore; Jennie Bean, Vocal Solo, encore.

FIRE MENACE IN STOVES

They Threaten Danger Unless Properly Installed and Used.

PROBATE NOTICES

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1918, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Edmund Merrill late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Fred B. Merrill as executor of the same, without bond as expressed in said will, presented by said Fred B. Merrill, the executor therein named.

Annie M. Frye late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by H. H. Hastings, the executor therein named.

Clarence C. Lapham late of Greenwood, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Herbert E. Day, the executor therein named.

Otis Wyman late of Rumford, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Elphinstone E. Goodwin, the executor therein named.

Ann Lindley late of Albany, deceased; first account presented for allowance by John E. Deegan, executor.

Ruth I. Mills late of Gilead; petition that her name be changed from Ruth I. Mills to Ruth I. George presented by said Ruth I. Mills.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Erving A. Smith, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and all persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

H. H. HASTINGS, Bethel, Me. February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of John A. Twaddle late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

HARRIETT L. TWADDLE, Bethel, Maine. February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob A. Thurston late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

PAUL C. THURSTON, Bethel, Maine. February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Charles P. Pingree late of Albany in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

CLORIE M. PINGREE, Albany, Maine. February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Horace G. Bennett late of Magalloway Plantation in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

LEON W. BENNETT, Wilton's Mills, Maine. February 19th, 1918. 2-28-31.

In This--The Age of Specialists--The True "L. F." ATWOOD'S MEDICINE

Stands out as a Specialty in the Relief of Digestive Troubles.

In fact this safe medicine—a reliable prescription—has been a specialty for three generations—well over 60 years: a record for reliability that should count immeasurably with you.

Buy the large bottle today at your druggist's or general storekeeper's. Have it handy the next time you have a headache; when your stomach is a bit upset; when you are bilious, constipated; or have restless sleep. Take as directed: you will find as thousands before you have found, the surprisingly effective properties of this truly remarkable medicine. Sample free.

The "L. F." Medicine Co., Portland, Maine.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Mr. Benscoter would be glad to have called to his attention at any time the names of capable teachers who might be secured for positions in the union.

The Bethel schools are to close on March 15, have a vacation of four weeks, re-opening on April 15 for the spring term, which will close on June 23.

The town of Mason voted to maintain its school for the coming year. There had been a considerable sentiment in favor of conveying the pupils to the Flat school.

Mr. Benscoter would be glad to hear from anyone who has not yet communicated with him respecting the union.

Miss Lillian Corbett expects to conclude her work this term as a teacher in the Northwest Bethel school to accept a position offered her at her home near South Paria. Miss Corbett has been highly regarded and the school will greatly regret losing her.

Miss Beulah Merrow, who has taught at Howe Hill, Greenwood, will not return for the spring term, owing to the death of her mother. Miss Merrow was an exceptionally capable teacher and it is much to be regretted that she cannot return. She has been offered a position at her home in Oakland.

Miss Jennie Bean, teacher of the West Bethel school, has been offered a position, which she has accepted, as teacher of the new model school at Greenwood, near Ely.

The school is to be started this spring and Miss Bean will conclude her work in Bethel with the close of the present term.

The school of which she will have charge is the sort of school recommended by Mr. Bensecter in his recent report for West Bethel at some future time. It will be run on Saturdays and designed to afford teachers an opportunity to visit it and observe the building, equipment and methods employed in school work.

Miss Bean was recommended for the position by a normal school principal, supported by the commendation of the State Department of Education, and to offer to her is an indication of the

opinion with which her work has
been regarded.

GRANGE NEWS.

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Starbird; Lecturer, L. A. Brooks;
Steward, Geo. Bonelle; A. Steward, A.
Cairns; Chaplain, J. S. Brown; Treas-
urer, W. E. Twitwell; Secretary, Chas.
Stearns; Gate Keeper, J. M. Millett;
O. K. Clifford; Pomona, A. M.
Person; Flora, R. H. Gates; L. A.
Steward, Howard A. Swan.

LONE MT. GRANGE

Lone Mt. Grange held its regular all
meeting, Saturday in the hall. The
reporter gave the following program:

Grange
W. W. Perkins
Irene Abbott
Preparedness on the Farm,
opened by George Abbott, followed
by other Brothers
Bim Akers
Grange

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POMONA GRANGE

Pomona Grange held its March meet-
ing with West Paris Grange.
The meeting opened with Worthy
Master Ryerson in the chair. Minutes
of the last meeting read and approved. Roll
of Granges was called and they
all responded "In a flourishing
condition." The committee reported 8
admittees in waiting and the Pomona
Grange was conferred upon them. Then
Worthy Master declared a recess for
the day.

The meeting was again called
to order, and the Lecturer presented
the following program:
Song, Star Spangled Banner,
Address of Welcome, Dana Grover
Lecturer, Howard Smith
Song, Thrift Stamps and Liberty

Past Master Blitzen
 Sten, Thrift Stenage and Liberty
 Howard Smith
 were \$26.50 worth of Thrift
 sold.
 Mrs. Ellen Hammond
 Quartet, W. Paris Grange
 mlme, Wanted a Wife,
 West Paris Grange
 Past Master C. B. Blitzen
 Milk Question, Mr. Perkins
 Good of the Order,
 Mrs. Rather Tull
 Dana Grover
 Ueale George and Aunt Je-
 West Paris Grange
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 hundred and fifty were in at-
 tence.
 next Towns will be at Oxford
 Tuesday in April.

very interesting meeting. Closed in form.

ROUND MOUNTAIN
Round Mountain Grange met at their hall for their regular. After usual routine workings was declared open and outside friends came in as members from North Waterford and Valley Granges. The following program was given.

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| Vocal Solo, | Miss J. Allen |
| Items of Interest, | Will B. |
| Items of Interest, | W. B. |
| Items of Interest, | W. B. |
| Violin Solo, encore, | W. B. |

The remainder of the Lecture was taken up by an old fashioned match with James Kimball and W. B. Cummings awarded as captains. It has been stated that all come in the winter times and as several

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